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March 11, 2010

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Supervisor Don Knabe
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka
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REPORT ON BOARD DIRECTION TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN RELATING TO ORDINANCES FOR GREEN BUILDING, LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND DROUGHT-TOLERANT LANDSCAPING (ITEM NO. 76, OCTOBER 7, 2008 AGENDA)

On October 7, 2008, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back with a cost-neutral funding plan to implement the Green Building Program ordinances in anticipation of the January 1, 2009, effective date. At this time, we do not have sufficient workload experience to justify the allocation of additional resources or the implementation of new fees in support of this Program.

Background

On February 12, 2009, the CEO provided a status report (Attachment I) to your Board indicating that the Departments of Regional Planning (DRP) and Public Works (DPW) would be able to absorb the six-month cost of implementing the Program in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 because the work emphasis was on developing staff training and education, providing public outreach, and training for the community. The report further indicated that neither Department had the experience necessary to determine workload impact, or whether or not additional resources would be required on an ongoing basis. The CEO and the Departments were to continue to evaluate the need for additional resources and measures to ensure cost neutrality, and report back to your Board.

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On September 16, 2009, the CEO provided a second status report (Attachment II) which again indicated that neither Department had experienced significant workload increases in the first quarter of FY 2009-10. The report further indicated that DRP was developing standards to measure resources necessary to comply with the ordinances and that DPW had preliminarily identified the need for four full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to meet the requirements of the Green Building Program. However, neither Department had identified a funding strategy to render the Program cost neutral, in accordance with your Board's directive. The CEO was to continue to work with the Departments and develop recommendations to your Board during the normal budget process.

Current Status

As of March 1, 2010, DRP continues to analyze the workload impact of the ordinances. DPW has estimated the incremental cost associated with the Program to be \$904,000 and has requested net County cost in the Department's FY 2010-11 Proposed Budget Request. Furthermore, in accordance with your Board's directive, both Departments continue to explore cost neutral funding strategies, which include the implementation of new fees. At this point, we do not have sufficient experience to support the recommendation of additional resources or the implementation of new fees. However, we will continue to work with both Departments to incorporate such requirements into our budget recommendations for your Board's consideration during the normal budget process.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact Lari Sheehan, Deputy Chief Executive Officer at (213) 893-2477, or via e-mail at lsheehan@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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Attachments

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ATTACHMENT I



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On October 7, 2008, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to report back with a cost-neutral funding plan to implement the Green Building Program.

The CEO met with both Regional Planning and Public Works staff to discuss the need for additional cost and staff to implement the Green Building ordinances. During the meeting, it was determined that each department will be able to absorb the first year cost of implementing this program since much of the emphasis will involve establishing the ground work needed to develop staff training and education, as well as providing public outreach and training for the community at large.

The workload created by implementation of the Green Building ordinances for the first six months will be absorbed by departments using existing resources. During this time, both departments will be better able to determine how their workload will be affected because they will have had actual experience to help determine if additional resources will be required during the 2009-10 fiscal year.

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While the criteria for determining such requests cannot be identified at this time, departments will most likely consider the time required for staff to review plans, given the complexity of the plans, as well as the capability of staff to provide adequate reviews without the need for additional training. The CEO and the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works will evaluate the need for additional resources and measures to ensure cost neutrality, and propose recommendations to your Board. Departments will have opportunities to request appropriation during either the Final Changes or Supplemental Budget phases of the 2009-10 budget process.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact George Parker at 213-974-4363.

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ATTACHMENT II



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On October 7, 2008, your Board instructed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to report back with a cost-neutral plan to implement the Green Building Program. This is a follow-up to the previous status report dated February 12, 2009 (attached).

The Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works were contacted regarding the impact of the ordinances on workload and whether or not additional resources are needed to comply. As of this date, neither department has experienced a significant increase in workload due to the new ordinances.

The Department of Regional Planning is currently developing standards to measure resources needed by their Land Development Coordinating Center staff to perform additional reviews. The Department of Public Works has initially identified a need for 4.0 full-time equivalent positions, which will be required and noted that representatives of major projects are contacting the Department's Building and Safety staff to discuss compliance and design aspects related to the Green Building ordinances. The Department is anticipating an increase in workload to occur by January 2010.

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Once both Departments have experienced a measurable increase in workload due to the Green Building Ordinances, the CEO will be able to determine whether or not fee increases are needed to fund the additional resources. The CEO will continue to work with the Departments of Regional Planning and Public Works to evaluate the need for additional resources and to develop recommendations to your Board as warranted. Departments will have opportunities to request appropriation in the mid-year budget adjustment, or identify unmet needs as part of their 2010-11 Proposed Budget request.

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